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MEMORANDUM FOR: IWG

SUBJECT: Current Status of Subgroups of IWG

1. For the information and guidance of IWG, and for members of EDAC working groups, the following statement of the present membership* of subgroups of IWG, and the status of projects under their respective review, is transmitted.

IWG SUBGROUPS

A. Bunkering of Vessels in China Trade

Chairman - [REDACTED] CIA 25X1A9a

Members

Mr. Harold Pollak, Treasury
Mr. Hunter Robinson, OSD

Project Status

The completion of this paper has been delayed, owing to the pre-occupation of all Subgroup members with the current preparations for new overall shipping discussions with the UK and in COCOM. Some of the materials which were completed for the Subgroup's report, and which are being kept up to date, have been used in this preparatory work. As soon as time permits, an up-to-date Subgroup report will be issued.

B. COCOM Statistical Reporting

Chairman - Mr. Murray Lyon, Commerce (on leave)

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Miss Helen Lincoln, EDS, State
Mrs. Ann C. Holmes, Commerce
Mr. Nathan Habib, MSA
Lt. Col. Donald Wilson, OSD

Project Status

A draft memorandum of 20 May 1953 on "Report on COCOM Statistical Reporting" was distributed to members of the Subgroup on 22 May. The Subgroup met on 26 May to review this paper, at which time the EDS representative tabled a suggested revised draft for consideration. It is anticipated that the Subgroup will soon submit an agreed draft to IWG.

C. East-West Trade Collection Requirements

Chairman - Mr. Robert Reiss, Commerce

Members

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Mrs. Marie Evans Bucy, DMS
Mr. Hubert Ladenburg, OIR, State
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Lt. Col. Ted Brown, OSD
Mr. Nathan Habib, MSA
Mr. Richard Kirby, REP, State*

Project Status

IWG/AM-11 of 13 May 1953, proposed terms of reference of the Subgroup, was transmitted to IWG following subgroup approval and was considered by IWG at the meeting of 21 May. Comments made at that time were transmitted to the Chairman of the Subgroup by memorandum dated 25 May.

D. Far Eastern Economic Defense

Chairman - Mr. Russell Hale, DMS

Members

25X1A9a Miss Helen Lincoln, EDS, State
Miss Marion Worthing, OIR, State
Mr. Edward R. Fried, OIR, State
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Mr. Murray Lyon, Commerce

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IWG/M-30 of 10 March 1953 states that information contained in IWG/FE-1, "Material for Use in China Committee" would be forwarded to the U.S. Delegate to CHINCOM, who "would be requested to comment on the usefulness of the material." The DMS representative to IWG has subsequently informed the Executive Secretary that additional commodity intelligence would be required for use in forthcoming negotiations. It is expected that the DMS representative will lay such a requirement before IWG in the near future.

E. External Financial Operations of the Soviet Bloc

Chairman - Mr. Thomas Page Nelson, OIF, Treasury

Members

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Mr. Russell Hale, DMS
Mr. Hubert Ladenburg, OIR, State

Mr. Nathan Habib, MSA
Lt. Col. Ted Brown, OSD
Mr. Edward Ames, Fed. Reserve*

Project Status

A meeting of the Subgroup was held on 22 May at which time it was decided that Treasury, State and MSA undertake to prepare a complete list of intelligence required in the financial field, to be coordinated with requirements of other action agencies. Close coordination with the EIC Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance will be maintained to prevent, insofar as possible, overlapping of projects in this field between EIC and IWG. The anticipated membership of Mr. Edward Ames, Federal Reserve, on the Subgroup will help insure such collaboration.

F. Movement of Strategic Commodities from Middle East to Soviet Bloc

25X1A9a Chairman - [REDACTED] CIA

Members

Mr. Murray Lyon, Commerce
Mr. Douglas Coster, EDS, State
Mr. George E. Kidd, ONI

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The Subgroup paper on "Movement of Scrap Metals from the Middle East - 1962", has been recommitted to the Subgroup for incorporation of a statement regarding Soviet Bloc requirements for scrap, and the addition of a general statement regarding the importance of the Middle East as a source of scrap and present stocks in the area. It is expected that this paper, as revised, will soon be ready for IWG, at which time the Subgroup may be dissolved.

G. Repair of Soviet Vessels in Non-Soviet Yards

Chairman - Mr. Douglas Coster, EDS, State

Members

Mr. Murray Lyon, Commerce
Mr. George E. Kidd, ONI

Mr. Hunter Robinson, OSD
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Project Status

The Maritime Commission has completed analyses on the first series of ship repair reports, and acknowledged receipt of material on the PRACA, submitted on 29 April. It is expected that this Subgroup will continue to function as long as ship repair intelligence is received for exploitation.

* Proposed members awaiting clearance

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